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Is Flogging The Answer?

THE wave of violent crime afflicting Britain has become alarming. Thugs are making use of a brutal and cowardly weapon—the cosh—to beat their victims into insensibility before robbing them. Something approaching a reign of terror is in progress, and the question arises whether the punishment which the courts are empowered to impose sufficiently fits the crime. The first duty of the State, the police and the judiciary is towards defenceless citizens who are at the mercy of scoundrels who respect neither life nor the law. And there is a growing public opinion that the police are not supported as they should be by the deterrent machinery of criminal law. No less a personage than Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, speaking for other occupants of the Bench as well as himself, argues for the return of flogging. He declares that it is very rare for a man who has been flogged to repeat the offence. The case for flogging probably commands the support of the majority of the British public in their justified alarm. But it has many sincere and convinced opponents who argue that flogging does not act as a deterrent; that it is a barbarous survival of an era in which the law was regarded merely as a punitive instrument; that it would tend to defeat the "educative" purposes of criminal justice.

IT would be wrong to brush these arguments impatiently aside. It may indeed be admitted that flogging is a severe punishment. A man who has been flogged is "never the same again." It is said, But it may be asked if the public would have cause to mourn if the young ruffian who "coshes" a man of 74 were "never the same again." The penalty is a dreadful one in the eyes of every civilised person. But what of the crime at which it is aimed? An old woman who has been struck on the head by a steel club may survive; but her life may be shortened. A man who has been flogged may "recover," but he often carries through life the consequences of the attack. He is "never the same again." Thus the question presents itself: is there reason to suppose that the return to flogging would help to combat the present wave of violence? It is a problem where statistics may be of little help, and where common sense is a surer guide. The ordinary man asking himself, "Would the fear of a flogging deter me?" has no doubt of the answer. And that answer influences his approach to this grave matter. There is an increase in violent crime in Britain—and the community denies itself the use of one harsh, traditional means of self-defence. These are the conditions in which the question of flogging demands to be reviewed, for the safety of the public, in Britain as elsewhere, comes before the welfare and reform of rogues.

MASSES OF DEMONSTRATORS MARCH ON MOROCCAN CITIES

Serious Trouble Feared To Be Brewing

NATIONALISTS URGE THREE-DAY STRIKE

Rabat, Morocco, Dec. 11.

Masses of Moroccan demonstrators tonight moved on two of the main cities in the French Protectorate—Casablanca and Rabat—in a new rising tide of trouble after countrywide arrests of Nationalist and Communist leaders.

Spotter planes reported that several thousand demonstrators were massing round the outskirts of Casablanca. Police seized 100 of 400, who tried to enter Rabat, the seat of the government.

Troops and police were at once drawn up round the Moroccan quarters. All Casablanca hospitals received a standby order, and armoured cars and tanks guarded the gates leading to the European port of the city.

Troop reinforcements were also sent to guard the European quarter in Rabat.

Nationalists called for a three-day strike to protest against today's arrests.

After the detention of the 100 demonstrators in Rabat, hundreds of Moroccans assembled in the city's Great Mosque.

Shops in both cities put up their shutters.

Police claimed today to have forestalled a plot to blow up a French police post in Rabat.

General Augustin Guillaume, French Resident General in Morocco, today conferred with the Sultan and is expected to fly to Paris soon to report to the French Government.

Morocco's French Colony today asked for troop reinforcements from France and some of its residents spoke of setting up a "Home Guard."

The 12 French Communists were expelled from Morocco were tonight being flown to Paris. But a French Air Force transport plane, in which they left Casablanca earlier today was forced down at the French Mediterranean town of Perpignan.

A police cordon was thrown round Perpignan airfield as soon as the plane landed. If the weather did not clear the flight to Paris would be postponed until tomorrow.

WIDESPREAD RAIDS

The French Residency said 20 Moroccans described by police as "the whole General Staff" of the Istiqlal Independence Party and 12 French Communists had been arrested in countrywide raids during last night.

An Istiqlal spokesman in Paris said the Residency was listing only national leaders and there were also arrests of local leaders, giving a total figure of 60 to 70.

The 12 French Communists were expelled and flown to a French provincial town in a military aircraft. They included post office and railway officials and school teachers.

The French Residency, in an official statement, threatened severe punishment for anyone who took part in Communist or Istiqlal activities.

French sources announced that 400 rioters detained in Casablanca on Sunday night and Monday would be tried by a local Moroccan court.

Among the Nationalists arrested last night were the Acting Istiqlal Secretary General, Mohammed Lyadzi, the Assistant Secretary, Omar Ben Abd Jelil, as well as six other members of the movement's executive.

LOCAL LEADERS HELD
The police also detained the local Istiqlal leaders of Casablanca, Fez, and Sale, the Secretary of the Communist-dominated CGT trade union in Rabat and several Nationalist newspaper editors.

The French authorities were reported to be holding the Nationalist leaders in a certain

To Spend Year In A Bottle

Vienna, Dec. 11.
An Austrian court expert said on Thursday he will spend a year in a bottle beginning Saturday.

Adolph Schmid, a self-styled fakir, told a press conference in Linz he will be sealed in a seven-foot long bottle with square sides and a ten-inch neck. The neck, which will remain open for air, will also be used to feed him.

He said he would be accompanied by a Syrian snake and a radio. He said he will write a book between yogi exercises.

Schmid's entry into the bottle was banned by city authorities in Vienna last week as "indecent" and "undignified" so he moved to Linz. Later he will go on a tour of Europe in his bottle.—Associated Press.

RUSSIA REFUSES U.S. DAMAGES DEMAND

Washington, Dec. 11.

The State Department said today that Russia had refused to pay damages for an unarmed American B-29 Superfort bomber shot down by Soviet fighter planes off the northern tip of Japan on October 7.

Almost simultaneously, the Soviet news agency Tass reported that Russia had also refused to return a United States cargo plane forced down in Hungary by Soviet fighters last year.

United States officials said Russia's refusal to return the cargo plane cleared the way for legal action to recover nearly \$100,000 damages.

The text of the Russian note on the B-29 was not made public, nor was it known whether Moscow replied to the State Department demand for "full information" on the fate of the bomber's eight-man crew.

The Department spokesman said merely that the note had been received and it rejected the United States' demand for indemnities.

American officials said the United States would dispute Russia's claims that Hungary's peace treaty obliged Russian fighters to force the cargo plane down and detain its four-man crew.

The United States position probably will be that the action violated the peace treaty.

The United States can sue Russia directly, appeal to the World Court for a ruling, or take retaliatory action against Russia for the incident.

Regarding the B-29, informed sources said the Soviet reply followed in outline the previous Russian claim of the incident—that the American bomber had fired on Russian Air Force planes after Yury near the Kurile Islands.—United Press.

Ship Sinks: All Aboard Escape

San Francisco, Dec. 11.

All the 30-man crew and 12 passengers of the Norwegian ship Fernstream (4,980 tons) escaped safely before she sank stern down and disappeared in about 100 feet of water after being in collision with the American freighter Hawaiian Rancher (8,353 tons) in a fog at the entrance to San Francisco harbour today.

Not a trace of the Fernstream showed above the water. The Hawaiian Rancher suffered little damage and was able to move under her own power to Bethlehem Shipyard in southern San Francisco for survey.

The Coast Guard hurriedly dispatched three rescue boats from Fort Mason when the Hawaiian Rancher's S.O.S. was picked up. The Coast Guard said only one minor injury was reported—when a sailor from the Fernstream hurt his wrist.

The crash was just west of Alcatraz Island. The S.O.S. from the Hawaiian Rancher said the Fernstream was going down "one mile east of the Golden Gate Bridge centre span."

The crash occurred this morning (1750 GMT) as the Fernstream was enroute bound for Manila, Hongkong and Yokohama and the Hawaiian Rancher was entering the harbour inbound from Honolulu.

The Hawaiian Rancher had just crossed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

The crew and passengers of the Fernstream, a combination freight and passenger ship, escaped in lifeboats.—Reuters.

Canadian Police Fire On Strikers

Quebec, Dec. 11.

Police opened fire today during clashes with striking textile workers at Louisville, industrial town 67 miles north of Montreal.

The cause of the outbreak was not known, but tension has been mounting for several months since 600 textile workers struck for higher pay and better working conditions.

The Riot Act was read by a police official to break up today's disorders.

Later reports said between 15 and 20 persons were arrested. Scores of police had been moved to Louisville (population 3,500) earlier this week after an empty bus had been dynamited.

Today's outbreak was reported to have begun when non-strikers tried to enter the plant of the Associated Textiles of Canada where a strike has been on for 10 months.

Most of the injuries were believed to have resulted from skirmishes between strikers and police. Several shots were reported to have been fired.

At least five people were injured, one seriously. There were two outbreaks.—Reuters.

Boys' Spending Spree After Theft

Oklahoma City, Dec. 11.

Two small boys returned to normalcy today after a lavish spending spree in which they were kings for several hours on \$160 in stolen money.

Two brothers, one aged 10 and the other aged 12, immediately began sharing their wealth after they stole a purse containing the money from Mrs. Julia Harris, 35, yesterday.

They tossed handfuls of dollar bills into the air to watch schoolmates scramble for the money. One tipped a chum \$1.25 for a shine. The 12-year-old paid a girl \$4 for foot-kisses. One handed a schoolmate a \$20 bill and told him, "Here, son, go get some change." When the friend returned he received a \$5 tip.

By evening the lads were penniless.

The police attempted to trace the money but were able to recover only \$18.00.

The 12-year-old was placed in a county juvenile ward and his younger brother was released to his parents.—United Press.

Inquiry Into Death Of Captain Adam

An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Captain Robert Adam aboard his ship the Rosita on the night of December 1 was opened this morning by Mr. J. Wicks, sitting as coroner.

The Rosita was off Foochow when she was attacked by gunboats and Captain Adam was fatally shot.

A full report of this morning's proceedings appears on the back page.

French sources, meanwhile, feared that new riots might break out tomorrow after prayers in the country's Mosques in honour of the victims of the riots.—Reuters.

STUDENTS PROTEST

Amman, Dec. 11.
Police broke up crowds of secondary school students demonstrating here today against the French policy in Tunisia.

Telegrams were sent to the Prime Minister, Abdul Huda Tewfik, protesting against the French action and asking him to intervene.

Police stood by outside the French Legation.—Reuters.

Lord Kemsley Sells Daily Graphic

London, Dec. 11.

Lord Kemsley on Thursday sold the tabloid London Daily Graphic to Associated Newspapers.

Lord Kemsley's group, which owns the rival Daily Mail.

The purchase price was not immediately disclosed.

An announcement from Kemsley's organisation said "The Sunday Graphic will continue to be published under its present ownership."

It is understood production of the Sunday paper will be transferred to Kemsley's Manchester office.

The Mail, with a standard size format, and the Graphic are both morning newspapers and are pro-Conservative in their editorial policy.

The Graphic has a circulation of about 780,000.

Rotherham's group will take over production of the Daily Graphic beginning Monday.

Fleet Street wondered whether Rotherham will try to challenge the tabloid Daily Mirror, an anti-Conservative publication with a circulation of 4,500,000.

The Daily Graphic was owned by the Rotherham family once before. The first Lord Rotherham sold the Daily Graphic to Lord Camrose, and his brother Lord Kemsley in the 1920s.—Associated Press.

Hands From Pockets, Says Sister



Six-year-old Crown Prince Carl Gustav of Sweden receives a gentle reminder from his sister, Princess Christina, 9, that he should not stand with his hands in his pockets. They were watching celebrations at the Royal Palace on the 70th birthday of their grandfather, King Gustav.—London Express.

Nine Men Named To Organise Finance Company To Aid The Commonwealth

London, Dec. 11.

Nine men who will organise the proposed finance company to aid Commonwealth development—an important part of the Commonwealth Premier's world plan for production and trade—were named here tonight.

They include many of Britain's top ranking industrial leaders and capitalists. The nine are:

Sir Edward Peacock (Chairman) an ex-director of the Bank of England; Sir George Evershed, representing the accepting houses; Sir John Keeling, representing the issuing houses;

Sir Clive Ballieu, Australian-born Chairman of the Central Mining and Investment Corporation and Chairman of the Dunlop Rubber;

Sir Frederick Godber, Chairman of Shell; Sir Geoffrey Hayworth, Chairman of Unilever;

Mr. H. C. Mynors, of the Bank of England;

Sir Robert Sinclair, Chairman of Imperial Tobacco; and Mr. A. R. Stedford, Chairman of Tube Investments.

The company is to have moderate mutual capital and borrowing powers, but it will be supported by the Bank of England. The World Bank has also expressed interest.

Objects of the company will be:

1. To help in financing Commonwealth development projects, particularly for increasing Commonwealth resources and strengthening the sterling area's balance of payments;

2. To assist, through its participants and contacts, in giving such projects access to British industrial, commercial and financial experience.

3. To co-operate with other organisations in Britain and overseas and with overseas capital markets.

4. To co-operate with the World Bank.

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Tariff Increase To Be Requested

London, Dec. 11. All Commonwealth governments have agreed to support Britain in asking GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) to allow her to protect her industries and agriculture against foreign competition. At present GATT, the world organization which lays down the law on tariffs, will not allow any member country to raise its tariffs in a way that discriminates between one nation and another.

Britain wants to be able to raise its tariffs against some foreign goods if necessary but without increasing duties on Commonwealth imports.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, presided at most of the meetings of the Commonwealth Economic Conference.

He told a press conference tonight: "I have come away from this conference immensely heartened."

Though the Commonwealth financial conference did not say so, it is known that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, will take the conference's plan to Washington early next year for discussion with the new President, Mr. Dwight Eisenhower.

It has also been unofficially disclosed that the Commonwealth will seek American support in raising the price of gold—now pegged at the 1934 rate of US\$35 a fine ounce.—Reuter.

HELICOPTER EXPERT

London, Dec. 11. Mr. John Roberts, 45-year-old helicopter expert and former Caulfield, Melbourne, Grammar School boy, has joined Messrs Short Brothers and Harland, Limited, of Belfast.

Mr. Roberts was born in London and went to Australia when he was 12.

He served an apprenticeship with the Larkin Aircraft Supply Company and returned to England in 1932 to work for British aircraft companies.—Reuter.

Nepalese King To Return Home

New Delhi, Dec. 11. King Tribhuvana of Nepal, who flew here on Friday for treatment of a throat ailment, is due to return to Kathmandu, his capital, tomorrow.

Prime Minister Nehru called on him twice at the Nepalese Embassy on Monday.—Associated Press.

OIL NEGOTIATOR STILL FIRM BELIEVER IN MOSSADEGH

Iran Premier "Best Man To Come To Terms With"

London, Dec. 11. Mr. Richard Stokes, former negotiator in the Persian oil dispute still believes that the Persian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Mossadeh, is the best man to come to terms with.

Mr. Stokes added in an exclusive statement in today's issue of the Tribune, Left-wing Labour Party weekly: "If the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company want Persian oil I believe they could get it now."

Mr. Stokes, Minister of Materials in the last Labour Government, visited Tehran in the Summer of last year on an unsuccessful mission to negotiate with Dr. Mossadeh.

The price of Persian Gulf oil was 40/- a ton, Mr. Stokes said. At that price Persia would only have to sell four or five million tons of oil a year to obtain the same amount as they received under the royalties in 1949. At that time they had to sell 30 million tons to get £10 million in royalties.

The former Cabinet Minister estimated that 25 tankers of a "pirate" fleet would need to make 10 trips a year to the Persian Gulf port of Abadan to ship five million tons of oil.

"This may well be impossible," Mr. Stokes said. But he believed half the number of trips necessary could be done.

LESS THAN SIXTH

This would make Persia's net receipts about £8 million a year, nearly double the average amount she received each year during the 20 years before the oil breakdown with Persia.

He maintained that the £8 million would still be less than one-sixth of what Persia would have got if Dr. Mossadeh had accepted Mr. Stokes' eight-point plan last year.

The most interesting question was whether a "pirate" company could buy oil from Persia at less than the Persian Gulf price, "say £3 Sterling a ton" and undersell the market.

"It might bring about a revolutionary change in the price of oil. Perhaps the investigations going on in America now into the oil cartel may help by revealing something astonishing,"—Reuter.

NEW STOCK ISSUE?

London, Dec. 11. There are circumstantial reports on the London Stock Exchange today that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company plans to

raise a £20 million debenture issue.

The Company declined to comment but Stock Exchange quarters expected the issue to be made before Christmas as a five per cent stock at 99 per cent.

It is presumed in the market that the Company needs extra money for huge business outside Persia.

It has a big tanker fleet and is building refineries in Aden, Australia and Britain.

The last balance sheet issued showed nearly £20 million of ready money, assets, but even this sum is not necessarily sufficient for expansion of so large a business.

Anglo-Iranian shares were firm today but some other shares eased slightly because such a debenture issue would take £20 million out of the market supply of money.—Reuter.

Meeting With Templar

London, Dec. 11. A delegation from the Rubber Growers Association, which represents the majority of the European estate producers in Malaya and elsewhere, had a private meeting today with General Sir Gerald Templar, British High Commissioner in Malaya.

The general rubber situation in the Federation was discussed.

Later General Templar met the Chairman of the Medical Personnel (priority) Committee of the Ministry of Health and discussed the recruitment of medical officers for Malaya.—Reuter.

Let The Baby Sniff, Says Doctor

London, Dec. 11. Babies with colds should be encouraged to sniff and should be dissuaded from blowing, says Dr. J. M. B. Morwood, writing in the December issue of Practitioner, a medical journal. He writes: "I am perpetually surprised by mothers who bring their small children to me suffering from colds in their noses, who say: 'I cannot get him to blow his nose.'"

"Blowing is a fundamentally unsound action. Organisms are blown into cranial cavities not previously affected, the most important being the middle ears. In contrast, sniffing is fundamentally sound."

BRITAIN'S TRADE GAP WIDENING

London, Dec. 11. Britain's trade gap widened last month by £10 million, provisional Board of Trade figures disclosed today.

Imports were the lowest this year at £231,800,000 against £268,000,000 in October, but exports fell sharply to £207,200,000 from £218,800,000 in the previous month.

On a working day basis, however, November's exports were two per cent above the figure for October, which has two more working days than November.

With re-exports also lower at £8,000,000 against £12,100,000 in October, the trade gap in November was £45,700,000 against £35,700,000 previously.

The higher trade gap for November was still appreciably lower than the monthly average deficit of £61,100,000 for the third quarter of the year and the monthly average of £60,000,000 since the beginning of the year.—Reuter.

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Western Nations Drawing Up Economic Blueprint For The Coming Year

Paris, Dec. 12.

Foreign Ministers and Finance Ministers from 18 European countries and American and Canadian representatives are meeting here today to put the finishing touches to the blueprints of the Western world's economic structure for 1953.

The two-day meeting of the OEEC (Organisation for European Economic Co-operation) Ministerial Council is expected to hear from its President, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, an outline of the decisions of the London Commonwealth Economic Conference, particularly the possibility of partial convertibility of Sterling.

The Conference is also expected to discuss the holding of a European, American and Commonwealth Economic Conference in the Spring when American policy under the new Administration will have been clarified.

The report, drawn up by the OEEC Secretariat from replies to questionnaires sent to the 18 member countries and, for the first time, to the United States and Canada, will be divided into three main sections.

1. A general policy;
2. A detailed policy and means of implementation; and
3. A country-by-country survey.

Debate is expected to centre mainly on general policy which will stress that the dollar problem can be solved by simultaneous action by the European countries and the Commonwealth nations.

The main conclusions of the report, which when adopted will become the governmental policy of the European member States, are:

1. The creation of a world-wide multilateral trade payments system in which currencies could be convertible and trade freed from discriminatory and restrictive practices.

2. Western European countries must aim at an early equilibrium in their overall balance of payments, early dollar equilibrium with recourse to aid internal financial stability and improvement in productivity and competitiveness to take advantage of all opportunities for earning dollars directly or indirectly.

U.S. CONTRIBUTION

3. The United States could make an indispensable contribution by liberal commercial policies, high and stable levels of activity and a flow of funds through long-term capital investment and in other ways to the non-dollar world.

4. On a world-wide scale, the resources of under-developed countries should be developed; policies should be drawn up to ensure a high and stable income to those countries, particularly of dollars; and action should be taken to alleviate and eventually solve the problem of maldistribution of labour.

Mr. Eden's statement on the Commonwealth Conference is expected to come up under the second agenda item—the OEEC programme of action for 1953 which will embrace a study of questions not included in the report.

European Ministers are expected to warmly support the holding of an economic conference of the Western world next year.

The Foreign Minister of Belgium, M. Paul Van Zeeland, made the proposal at the last OEEC Ministerial meeting in October. Since then the Commonwealth Ministers are believed to have backed a move by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, to approach Mr. Eisenhower next year on this question.

REQUEST MADE

The United States stand at tomorrow's meeting will be conditioned by the fact that it will be that of an outgoing administration.

But Mr. William Draper, the special American representative in Europe, is expected to indicate a wide measure of public bi-partisan support for a more liberal trade policy towards Europe, not expected to be affected by the Government changeover.

Payments Union were asked to co-operate more closely to maintain and extend liberalisation of trade.

The only country not asked to do anything more was Italy, which has freed practically all imports.

The debt countries—Britain and France—were asked to relax import restrictions affecting other member countries to enable the latter to maintain the liberalisation measures already in force.

FREE LIST

The Council recognised that the creditor countries—Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Portugal—had fulfilled their obligations under trade liberalisation measures, and asked them to see what other liberalisation methods they could adopt to increase imports from member countries.

Where products can quickly be put on the free list these countries were asked to see what other interim measures could be taken to increase imports.

The Council asked the five governments to report before January 1 and 10 on steps taken to this end.

The Council also made recommendations intended to cushion the effect, on other member countries, of British and French restrictions or suspension of trade liberalisation measures taken previously.—Reuter.

Bishop To Attend Asian Congress

London, Dec. 11. The Bishop of Chichester, Dr. George Bell, will fly to Lucknow, India, on December 28 to attend a meeting of the General Committee of the World Council of Churches.

The meeting, from December 31 to January 9, will be the first the Committee has held in an Asian country.—Reuter.



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19. S. Virgile City

Weaving For The Queen



Work is in progress at the firm of Warner and Sons, Braintree, Essex, on the weaving of the special velvet that is to be made into the Coronation robes for the Queen. It is being woven by Miss Lily Lee—at the same time a duplicate length is being woven by Mrs. Hilda Calver, in case of mishap. The velvet will be of the richest quality—21 inches wide and more than 20 yards in length—and is made at the rate of half a yard a day. It will take more than three months to produce.—Express Photo.

Press Freedom Promised

Guatemala, Dec. 11. Mr. Augusto Charnaud, Minister of Internal Security, promised complete freedom of the Press at a news conference today.

Asked whether he intended to take action against inaccurate news stories, which were "alarming," he said public opinion would "approve or rectify" such stories.—Reuter.

Statue Of MacArthur

Manila, Dec. 11. President Quirino has authorized the acceptance of a proposal for the erection of a statue of General Douglas MacArthur in Manila.

The statue will be financed from funds raised in the United States and will be a gift of the American people to the people of the Philippines.—Reuter.

Mountbatten May Command N.A.T.O. Naval Forces In The Mediterranean Area

Paris, Dec. 11.

General Charles Foulkes, Canadian Chairman of the Atlantic Pact Military Committee, announced tonight that the Committee had agreed on establishing a new naval commander in the Mediterranean. This completed the whole structure of the Atlantic Pact.

The Committee's recommendation would have to be approved by Ministers at next week's Atlantic Council session, he added.

General Foulkes did not name the new commander in the Mediterranean, but it is understood it will be Lord Mountbatten, the British Commander-in-Chief in the area.

He will be responsible in turn to General Matthew B. Ridgway, the Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.

General Foulkes told a Press conference here tonight, after the joint meeting of the Military Committee and the Permanent Council, that the Chiefs of Staff had set no goal for the build-up of bases and forces for next year.

The Committee had discussed three subjects which security allowed him to mention:

GERMANY'S ROLE

1. A military recommendation on the number of airfields and military installations they would like built in Europe next year.

2. The interim report of the annual review, which is based on what member nations of the alliance say they can contribute to Western defence next year.

3. The Mediterranean command.

General Foulkes said in answer to questions that Germany rearmament was not discussed by the Military Committee, but its revised strategic concept took account of a German contribution to Western defence. It also took account of a possible failure to obtain Germany's contribution.

WHOLE FIELD

He said that the proposed new construction programme of airfields also envisaged possible German participation.

General Foulkes took "evasive action" in answering ques-

pondents' questions about such matters as Yugoslavia's possible part in Western defence, Soviet military intentions up to 1954 and the extent to which the new strategic concept took account of all factors. It covered the whole field of military planning, he said.

General Foulkes said the strategic concept had been revised in one major aspect: the inclusion of Greece and Turkey within the alliance.

Earlier Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of NATO, announced that General Foulkes had agreed to continue as Chairman of the Military Committee until after the forthcoming Ministerial session, in order to maintain continuity. General Foulkes was due to be relieved of the Chairmanship by Admiral E.J.C. Swistgaard, the Danish Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL STATEMENT

London, Dec. 11. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, confirmed in the House of Commons today that the controversial question of the command in the Mediterranean would come before the meeting of the NATO Council which opens on Monday in Paris.

If possible, he said, he would make an announcement before Parliament recess for the Christmas recess on Friday.

Asked by Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, former Labour Minister of Defence, whether he had changed his mind on the subject of the appointment of a British admiral as the naval commander in that area, Mr. Churchill replied: "I do not think I have really changed my mind at all. I have been doing the best I can and the results will be apparent, I hope, before we separate for Christmas."—France-Press.

"Bad Risks" Discharged By The UN

New York, Dec. 11.

Fourteen United States citizens employed by the United Nations Organisation were discharged after the State Department submitted "adverse" reports on them, a Senate Internal Security sub-committee was told yesterday.

They were among 40 United Nations employees described by the Department as "bad security risks" in confidential reports to the United Nations Secretariat. What happened to the other 26 was not disclosed at the hearing.

Mr. John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, said 37 were reported "on a basis of loyalty" and the other three "on a basis of morals."

A United Nations spokesman, commenting on the testimony given by Mr. Hickerson and others in the State Department before the Senate Internal Security sub-committee, said:

"Action has been taken on all cases involving United States nationals in the United Nations Secretariat where information has been given by the United States Government sufficient to enable the Secretary-General to reach a decision."—Reuter.

Plymouth, Dec. 11. The Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, Vice-Admiral Sir Maurice J. Mansergh, today presented the King's Badge—the highest honour for a recruit—to Mr. G. M. Chapman, Chairman of the local all-round recruit of No. 694 King's Squad.—Reuter.

Crisis Talks In West Germany

Bonn, Dec. 11.

Chancellor Adenauer has invited the leader of the Social Democratic Opposition, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, for private talks, presumably to discuss the constitutional crisis in the country, a Government spokesman said tonight.

Herr Ollenhauer tonight broadcast a plea for respect for the constitution and the constitutional court.

His party believes Dr. Adenauer has flouted the court by challenging its opinion.

"With dismay we Social Democrats see what a fatal road is being trodden here, only four years after the introduction of the Bonn Constitution—freedom stands and falls with the constitution," he declared. "The American Constitution has remained unassailed for 175 years and is sacred to every American," he declared.—Reuter.

CAIRO ENVOY TO GERMANY

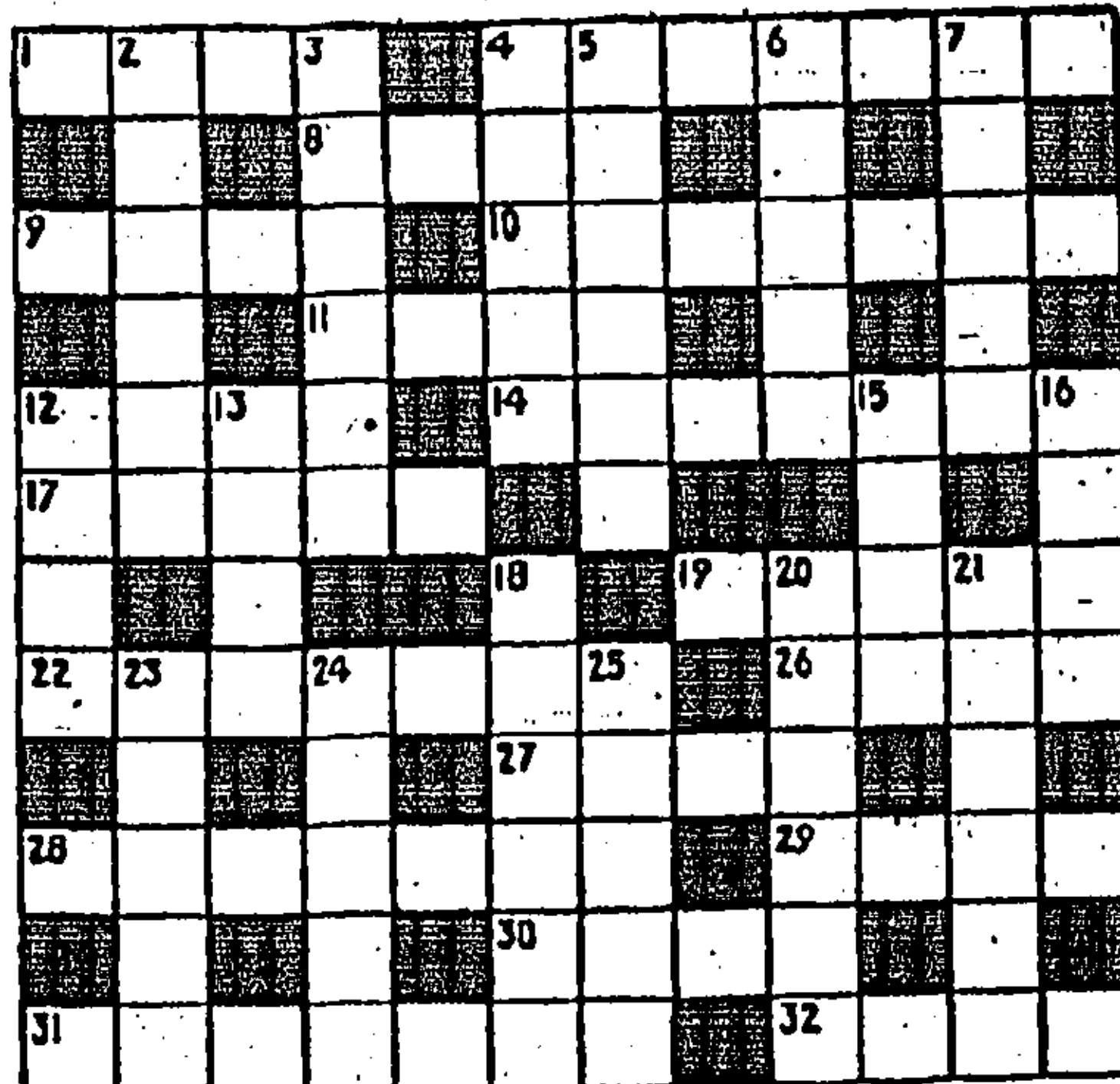
Bonn, Dec. 11.

Field Marshal Aziz Al Masri is shortly to be appointed first Egyptian Ambassador to West Germany.

It was suggested that the Marshal would have been appointed several months ago if the compensation agreement between West Germany and Israel had not clouded German relations with the Arab States.

The West German Ambassador to Egypt, Dr. Guenther Pawelke, here for consultations with his Government, is expected to return to Egypt this week-end to give General Naguib new proposals for easing the West German-Arab tension.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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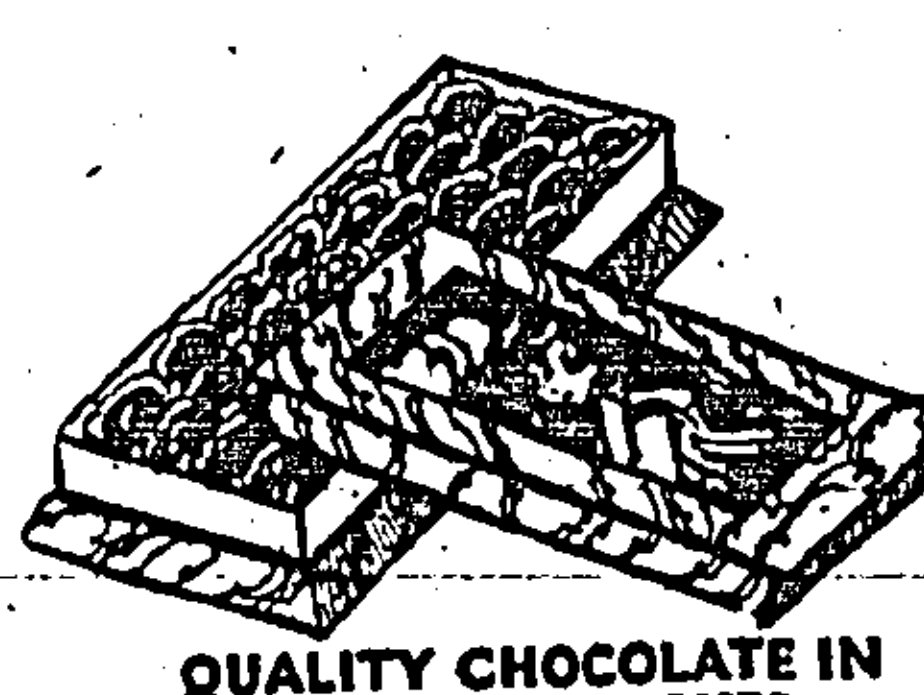
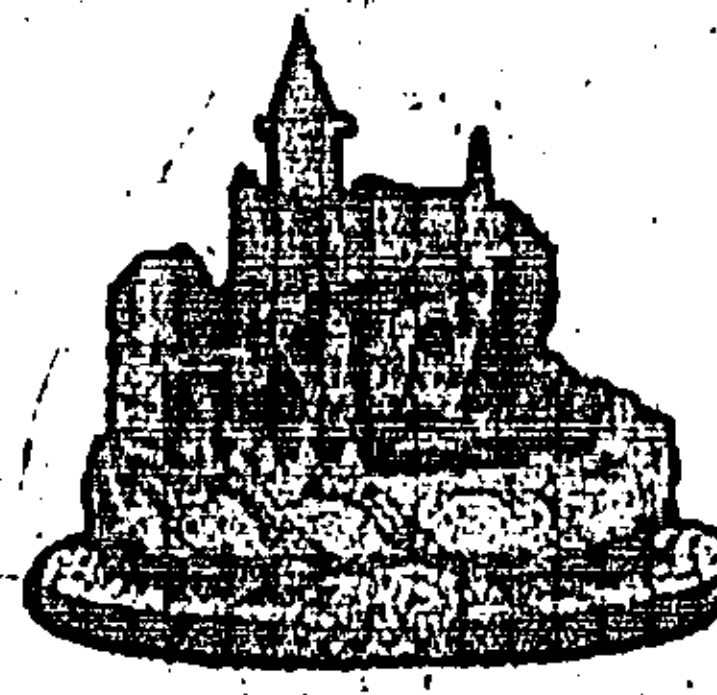
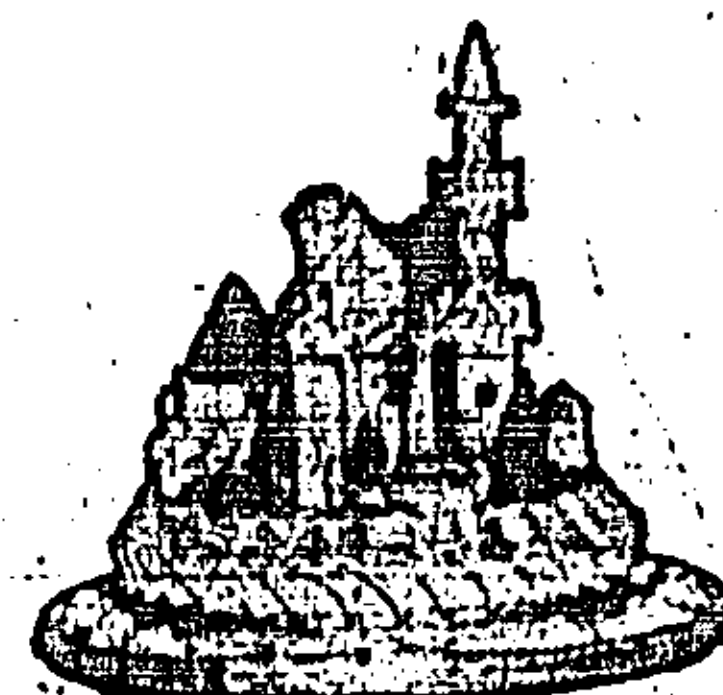
- 1 Requests (4).
- 2 Lying inactive (7).
- 3 Impoverished (4).
- 4 Insect (4).
- 5 Associate (7).
- 6 Food prescribed (4).
- 7 Altitude (4).
- 8 Expunged (7).
- 9 Wrong (8).
- 10 Leap (8).
- 11 Comes out (7).
- 12 Remain (4).
- 13 Sediment (4).
- 14 Schemed (7).
- 15 Employed (4).
- 16 Turn (4).
- 17 Appearances (7).
- 18 Consumes (4).

DOWN

- 1 Rarely (8).
- 2 Black suit (9).
- 3 Drugged (6).
- 4 Speaks eloquently (6).
- 5 Ecclesiastical headress (6).
- 6 Female relative (6).
- 7 Wan (4).
- 8 Ancestor (4).
- 9 Tight (4).
- 10 Tax (4).
- 11 Wilderness (6).
- 12 Sheard (6).
- 13 Wall (6).
- 14 Softens (6).
- 15 Extent (6).
- 16 Teams (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Period, 5 Thick, 8 Metro, 9 Lesson, 10 Eager, 11 Nomad, 12 Aunt, 13 Scals, 14 Resort, 15 Union, 16 Enact, 17 Pica, 18 Aided, 19 Stern, 20 Rustled, 21 Egged, 22 Frodo, 23 Donner, Down: 1 Polypate, 2 Remains, 3 Omen, 4 Denotes, 5 Treason, 6 Header, 7 Creel, 8 Athletes, 9 Squander, 10 Risings, 11 Sobored, 12 Nourish, 13 Actor, 14 Duce.

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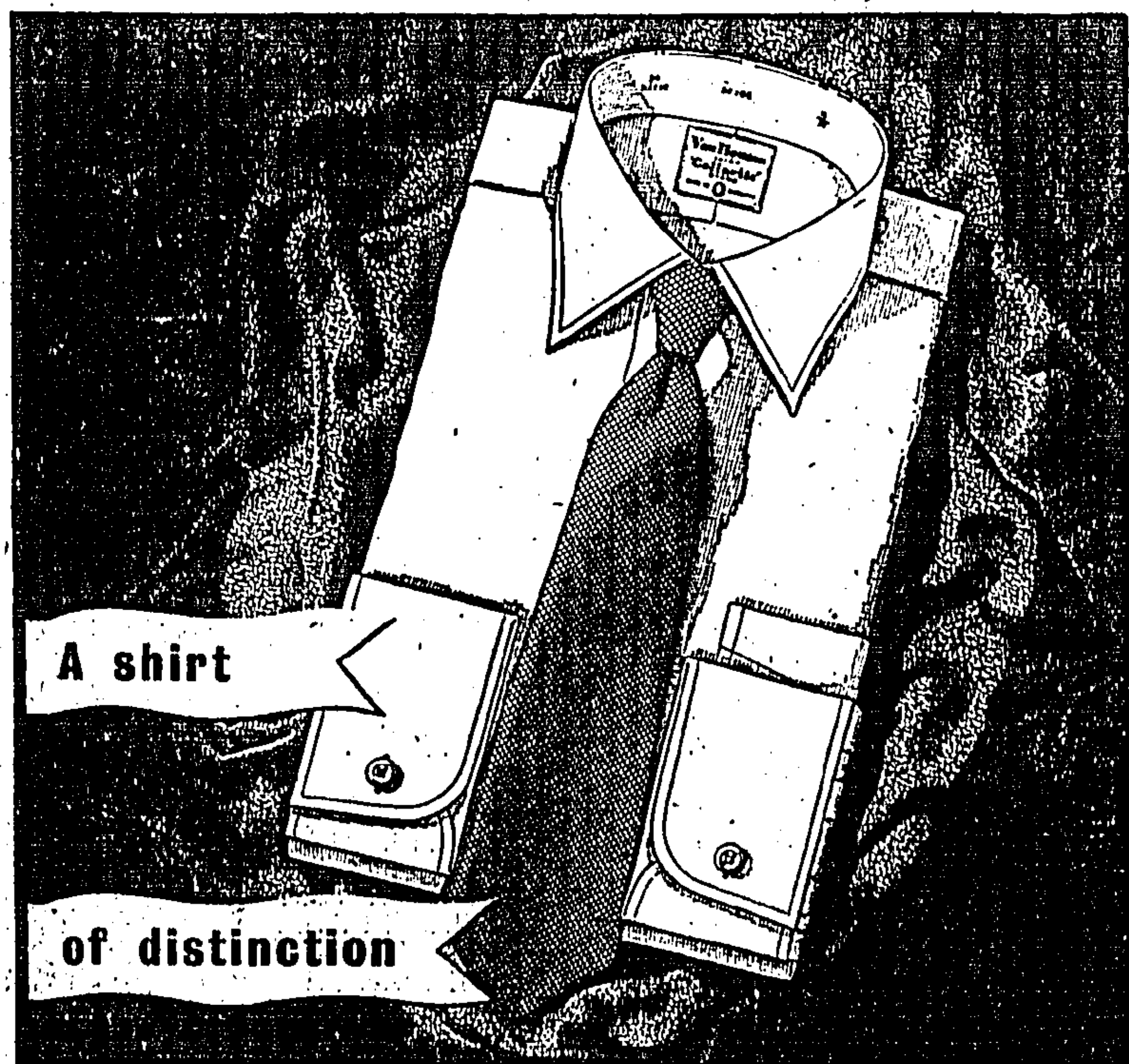
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—THE WAY WE SNUBBED

TRADERS IN
GERMANY
LONG AGO

by WILLIAM
BARKLEY

IT is Twenty Years After. It is 20 years since we threw away the finest chance of knitting the Empire trade together by tariff preferences.

In 1932 the sudden increase in U.S. tariffs had killed Canadian exports to the States. An Imperial Conference was held that year in Ottawa. The Canadians turned to Britain.

I am sometimes trapped into saying I was at the Ottawa Conference. I should say I was in Ottawa at the time. The conference was the most secretive affair imaginable. Ministers broke into a trot if I approached to ask them the time of the day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald was deputed to keep us informed of what was going on. He became so expert in telling us nothing three times a day that he has held high rank in diplomacy ever since.

The veil was rent for me only once. My information was that the great Imperial Conference opened in private in some such terms as this:—

Mr. Bennett (Prime Minister of Canada): "To help us sell our beef to you are you prepared to put a tariff of 4d. a lb. on Argentine beef?"

Mr. Baldwin (Prime Minister of Gt. Britain): "I had hoped that question would not be asked at this time."

Finis to conference the moment it began, so far as concerned the beef trade. Finis to our own Empire. We scorned our friends and remained in bondage to the foreigner.

All we get is a row of cocked snooks from Peron & Co. Argentina and his boast that in our extremity he acquired Britain's vast investments in his country for nothing.

GO back a bit further, to the year—1897. We had a treaty with Germany, dated 1862, by which we promised that we would never allow the Colonies (as they were called) to give us a preference. We had promised Germany, that we would never allow Canada, for example, to put a higher duty on German imports than on United Kingdom imports. It sounds lunatic, but there it is.

Canada—under a Liberal Government. If you please—appealed to our Tory Government to end this treaty. We refused. Canada faced the wrath of Germany.

She cleverly drove a prairie wagon through the treaty. She decided to give a preference in her market to any country which put no duty on her exports.

The only countries in the world which filled that bill were Britain and New South Wales (not yet federated in Australia).

In vain the Germans screamed at an official. Where they paid a tariff of £1 we there after paid 17s. 6d. In the next ten years South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand followed Canada's lead.

We freed our hands in 1899 by repealing the German treaty. But for another 20 years— from 1899 to 1919—Britain was content to receive a preference in these Empire markets, to the immense advantage of our export trade, without giving a penny in return.

THE 1903 STORY

THE Prime Ministers of the Colonies respectfully urge on his Majesty's Government the expediency of granting in the United Kingdom preferential treatment to the products and manufactures of the Colonies, either by exemption from or reduction of duties now or hereafter imposed.

Such were the terms of a resolution passed in the year 1903. In all these 20 years the Empire got nothing but a dusty answer from Britain. Then after the first war a start was made with a preference system

which perpetuated some war-time decisions.

If the Colonies as they were, the self-governing Dominions as they are, were to turn away from us now—could you blame them? How often do you have to reject the proffered hand?

Twenty years hence, 20 years hereafter—what will the Empire trading position be?

It is being decided at the conference held in London. The late Socialist Government threw away our freedom. Under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT for short) it bound us to the same lunacy as the treaty with the Germans which we ended half a century ago. GATT whittles down existing preferences and forbids any new preferences.

What will the Tory Government do? Mr. Ronald Russell, Tory MP for South Wembley, a tower of strength in the Empire Preference movement, says to me: "It is the party line to free ourselves from the restrictive clauses of GATT."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd was a powerful abolitionist as a private member when the Socialists were in power. He was in a position to help implement these pledges when he went to the Colonial Office in this Tory Government. He was whisked away to Transport.

Why? Would the strength of his advocacy have proved an embarrassment if he had stayed?

THE 1952 MORAL

THE Socialists develop a quite different attack on Imperial Preference. Mr. Hugh Galsworthy's line is that it no longer matters. So much of our trade is conducted by the Ministry of Food, by bulk purchase and by quota arrangements that tariffs have no importance.

This is to say we are a Socialist State in perpetuity. It is mere party propaganda. Quite a short period of competition and abundance would sweep the State trader clean out of the market.

Thus Socialism seeks to perpetuate itself. For if freedom is restored to the market we shall be left powerless to direct Empire trade to our mutual Commonwealth advantage unless the Government recovers its fiscal freedom.

We should shake off GATT as we shook off the Germans half a century ago. We should then be back where I started, 20 years ago, with the task of creating an Empire trading community still to be carried out.

COME IN!

That's the message
in Red on the mat
in Stalin Allee

Berlin. IF the landed families of Britain think that showing visitors round their stately homes of England keeps them busy they should meet Comrade Rudi Meier.

He moved his family into a show flat in the Soviet sector of Berlin last June. Since then he has shown his flat to 55,000 visitors.

And not for half a crown a time. He is doing it all for Stalin. Besides which he is working full time as a builder's mate and studying Communist doctrine at night school as well.

"Too much to do?" Rudi, pale and under-weight, repeated my question indignantly when I became visitor number 5,001 at his flat. "I try to do what I can to acknowledge what a great honour it is for me to have been the first to move in here."

Here is the Stalin skyscraper, a housing block 135 feet high just off Stalin Allee.

STATE STREET

WHEN the Meiers moved in, the East German Communist Party, proud of the start of its first all-State street—not a house, not a shop, not a kiosk will be privately owned in the whole five-mile length of the finished Stalin Allee—told Comrade Rudi that party members, "peace" friends, and foreign callers would be interested in looking round. They have been having a look round in their thousands ever since.

Here is Rudi's record. Thirty-three visitors' books filled with names, addresses, comments; 63 nations represented by visitors—that is if you count Scotland as a separate nation.

Apart from classes of school-children, all the 55,000 visitors had to bring a written permit in order to get into the flat.

Rudi lives on the seventh floor. Visitors take the lift.

Callers cannot let themselves out. The house door is always locked. This means that until somebody comes along with the key you cannot as much as glimpse the big flag-draped bust of Stalin that dominates the entrance hall. Coming up in the lift, as you flash past one floor after the other, you see many uniformed members of the People's Police waiting on the landings. This is no police raid; they just live there.

STUDY CORNER

ONCE at the door the actual look-round does not take long. The Meier flat is neat, very warm—and very ordinary.

"This is the kitchen," says Rudi, and, passing on quickly like a museum guide who does not want to keep the next batch waiting, "this is the bathroom, and this is where we live."

The living-room has a study corner with a sizable picture of Stalin, and on a table a history of the Communist Party and Volume V of Stalin's works. From the living-room into a bedroom, where we just have time to observe a hammer and sickle flag crossed above daughter Marianna's bed.

Here Meier opens a window so that I can look down on the city lights. The window would not shut. "It must have got a bit wet," says Rudi. "Give it a bit of a push. It will go back then."

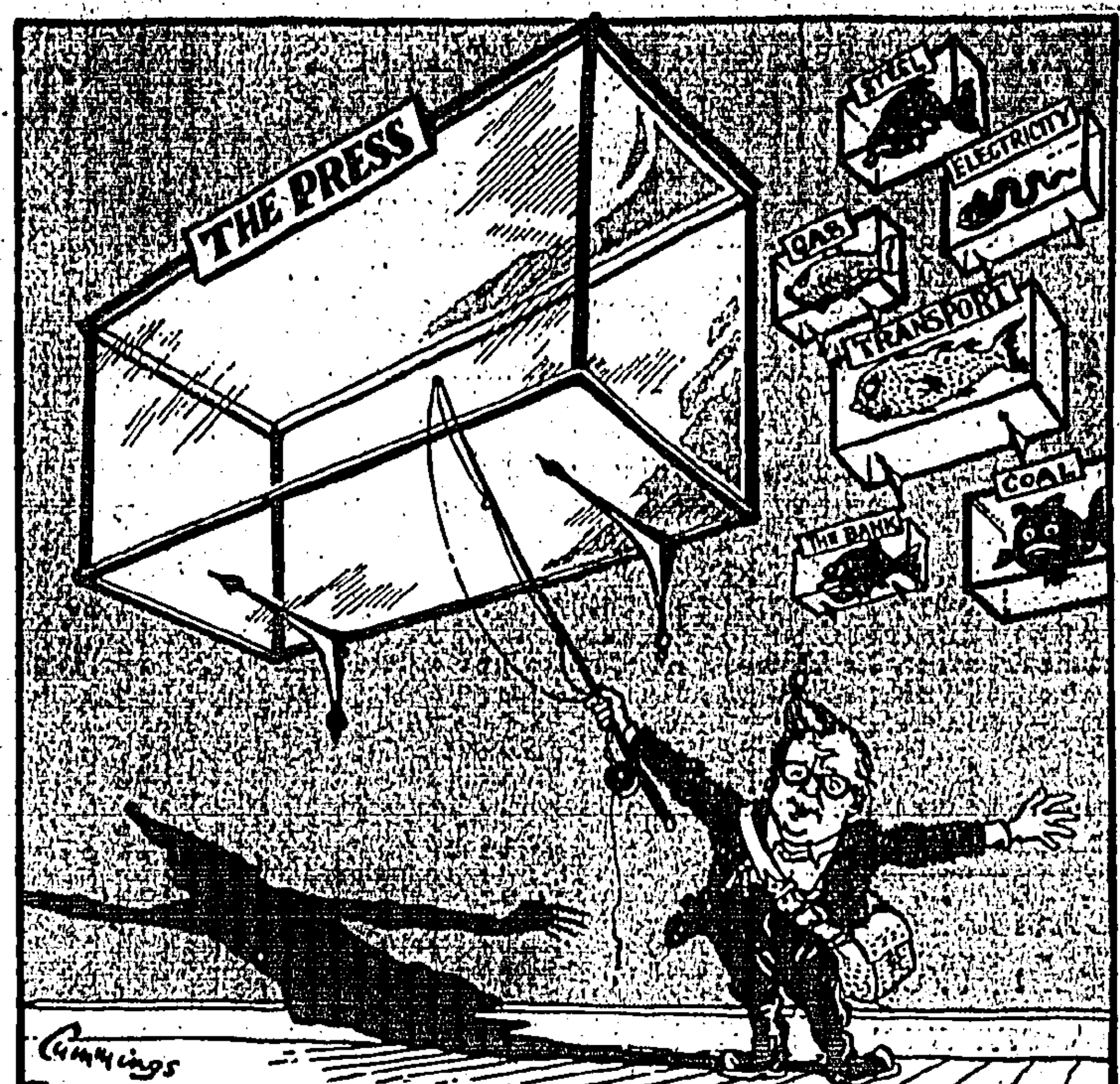
I did. It did.

"And now says Herr Meier, 'I must be off to a party meeting.'"

As we go out, in walks Frau Meier—in bright new Russian-style uniform. She is just back from duty with the People's Police.

With her are visitor numbers 55,002, and 55,003, and 55,004.

William Hamsher



"Ah, but you should have seen the one that got away..."

London Express Service

Dear Mother

BERNARD WICKSTEED WRITES HOME FROM KOREA

You should have
joined our trip
the other night

her. I shall be eligible for the Korean Cat Club.

That's a new organisation the boys have started for restocking the land with cats.

A major I know had so many rats in the side of a mountain, that he sent an urgent message to a friend in Tokyo to send him a cat by airmail.

All the time they were waiting for it to arrive he used to say to the boys: "Just wait till that cat comes from Japan. We will rid the place of rats as quick as the Piper of Hamelin."

But when it did turn up it was the smallest kitten ever weaned, and no larger than a tennis ball...

Kitten hunt

THE other way of getting into the Korean Cat Club is to go on a kitten hunt and bring one back alive. It is quite as dangerous as big-game hunting in Africa.

If you can capture a cat on patrol your commanding officer is nearly as pleased as if you had brought in a Chinese prisoner.

In our camp we are lucky. We have a complete family of wild cats living under the boards of the officers' mess, and the kittens are worth a bottle of whisky apiece.

If they fetched the same price at home we'd do well with our old tabby, wouldn't we? Well, Mother, that's all now.

Your loving

war correspondent
BERNARD

DEAR MOTHER,—Remember the old black-out? And how we used to creep along the country roads in a car at night, with only a tiny strip of light showing and you hanging out of the window to tell us when we went in the ditch?

Well, they have a black-out on the road behind the front lines here, and I can tell you it is far worse than it ever was at home, because there is nearly always a precipice on one side or other of the road.

I went up to the front line the other night in a Jeep with a major at the wheel. We were going to see the Royal Fusiliers. The colonel had asked us to dine in his dugout.

'Lights out'

YOU drive on the wrong side of the road here, you know, as they do in France. We were all right till we got to a notice saying: "All lights out beyond this point." And then the fun began.

"Do you know this road well, major?" I asked.

"Like the back of my hand," he said, and went slap into some barbed wire—round a minefield.

A bit further on he stopped beside a signpost at the top of a hill, and asked me to get out and see what it said. I shone my torch on it and read: "Drive slowly. Dust brings shells."

"I thought that's what it was," said the major. "This is the point where we are under direct enemy observation. Better get moving. Torches bring shells too."

We hadn't gone much further when there was a whoomp behind us just where we'd stopped. "Told you so," said the major nonchalantly. "Chinese one-twenty-two. A shell, you know. A bit bigger than our 25-pounder. Quite effective."

Well, Mother, war is war, and you have to be prepared for that sort of thing if you want to live with colonels, but I wasn't ready for what happened next. We were negotiating a tricky corner, with me hanging out of the side saying: "Over your way. Over your way. There's a 50 ft. drop on this side," when all of a sudden there was a bang like the crack of doom, and the air was filled with the smell of cordite.

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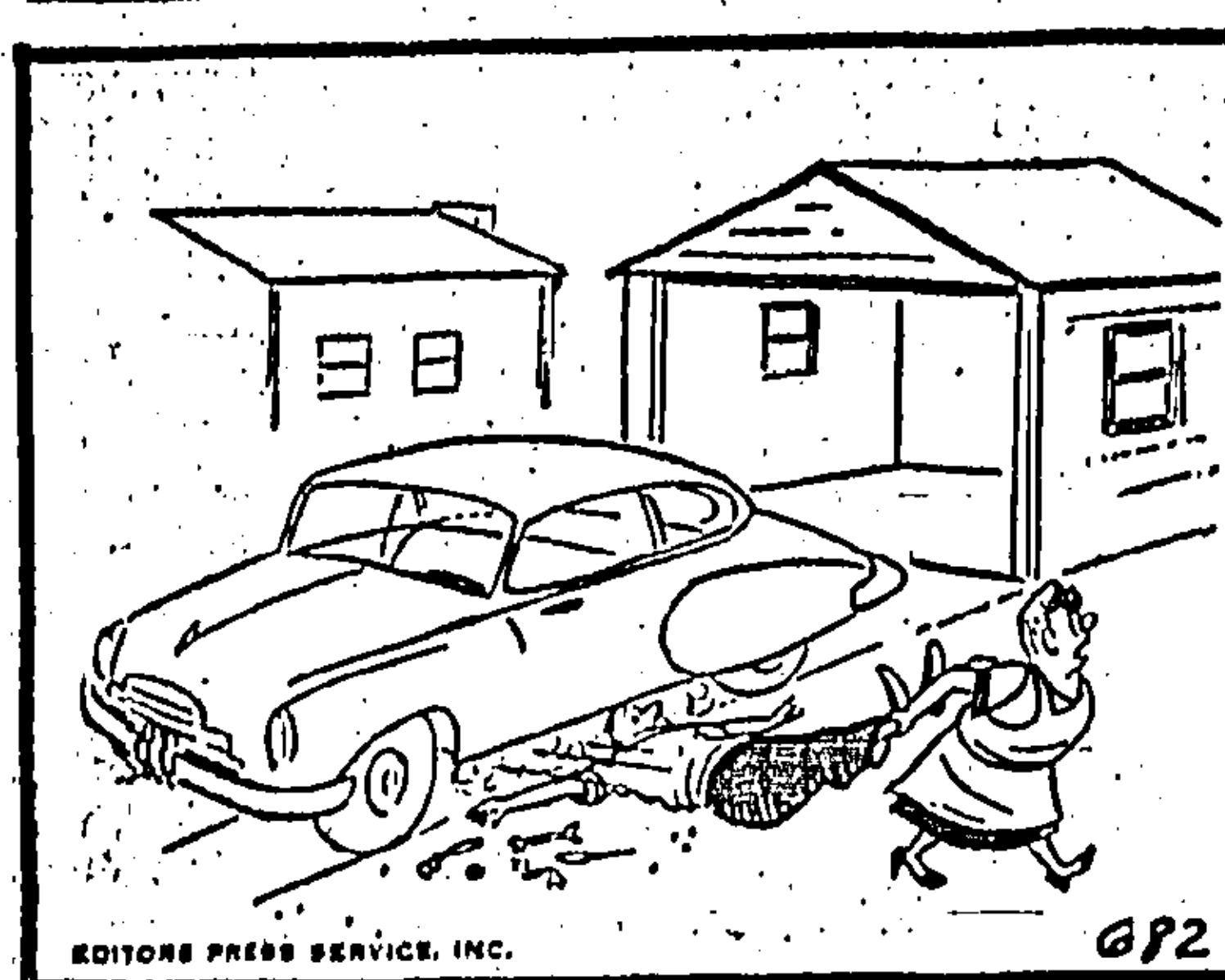
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"SHE was seen," says an item of news, "on an elephant's back on her 64th birthday." Probably she had been unable to get down.

Prodigious! That does not explain why she was up there in the first place. Myself: perhaps it was her idea of a good birthday. Or perhaps this might be the elephant for a rhinoceros. Prodigious! Why should she want to ride a rhinoceros at her age? Myself: Perhaps it was her first chance of riding one. Prodigious! But why should—? Myself: Perhaps her mother owned the beast, and couldn't ride it herself that day. Now go away.

Procedure-schedule

SUE'S department has laid down that the construction of a rabbit-hutch on ground previously used for a hen-house requires a separate licence. On application for the licence an inspector will visit the site, take measurements and to survey the ground. If the hen-house

itself is to be converted into a rabbit-hutch a special temporary licence is needed. The permit to use the licence must be renewed before the application for the licence is made. This is to avoid redundancy.

The odd man out

DINNER was over at Whackstraw Manor. The ladies, such as they were, had withdrawn rowdily, leaving the gentlemen to finish their cigars. Their British Napoleon brandy and their vile cricketer's stories, several of them, finished with wine, were boarding of their braves. Waitresses were unkind, and braves were ditched and released with an insolent twang. One gentleman made no attempt to show off his braves. "Show your braves, sir!" cried a rude voice "or are you ashamed of them?" He who thus addressed smiled sadly. Then, undoing his waistcoat, he revealed the fact that he wore no braves. His breeches were tied with string. Mocking laughter greeted his disclosure. Rogson's Braces humph! You should stand up in Any Company! Don't Do The Odd Man Out! Let Doston Brace You!

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

BORN today, you have one of those genial, magnetic personalities which make people like you at sight. Your chief objective in life is to be happy, and you are a happy-go-lucky, do your job well and fulfil your high ideals. You have a deep desire for knowledge and are a fine student. You would make an excellent teacher, too, and since you are naturally artistic, it is to be hoped that you will train for this profession.

You have naturally artistic tastes, and are broad-minded and sympathetic toward the needs of others. You women are particularly good judges of human nature and can size up a person accurately at first sight. You men have some of this gift, but will perhaps be a little more impulsive in showing your likes and dislikes. You of the sterner sex have the right

temperament for politics—or even statesmanship—if you develop your gifts in this direction. You are a fine diplomat around your own home and neighborhood. You are probably a born club leader and others in the community will look to you for assistance. Your home life will be an unusually happy and contented one. You will never be happy with a second choice. Just make sure that you are not too timid to "speak up" when that "one person" enters your life. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you have a new idea, follow it through to completion. It should be successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The less haste, the more speed. Money cannot always repay a debt. Sometimes sympathetic understanding is more to be desired.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Social obligations grow more demanding these days. Learn to plan your time carefully.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make detailed plans for your future. Think over everything very carefully.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Excellent aspects for giving assistance. Give freely.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be optimistic even though things may not move exactly as you had hoped.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Lead encouragement to someone who may be fainthearted about a new project.

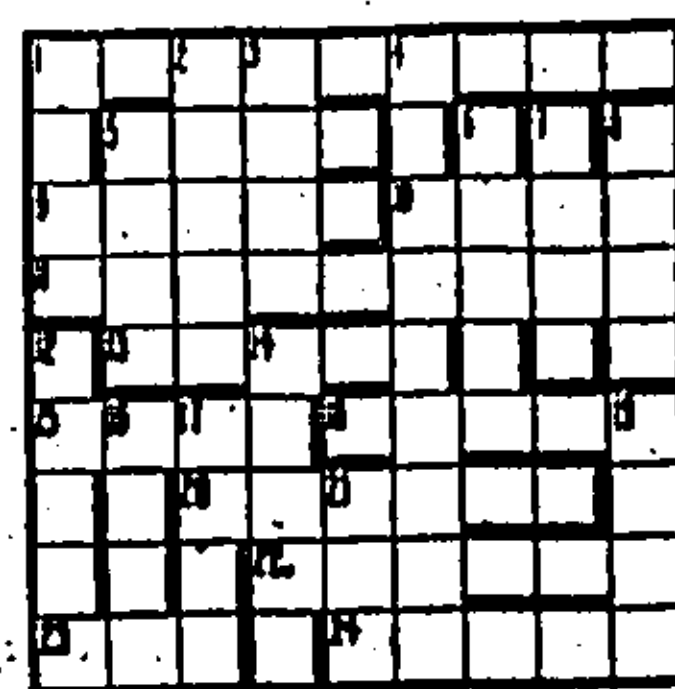
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Attending the theatre or a good movie might be just the change of scene you need just now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Do something important that you have been wanting to do for a long time. A red-letter day!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Better not to make important decisions until you have all the facts. Think carefully beforehand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—You should be able to get a lot of the last-minute Christmas shopping finished today.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Brood cord, amended, of course.
 - Found in all club outings.
 - It is played to an audience.
 - Humorous take tea.
 - Humorous but unusual.
 - Produce a sticky wicket.
 - Open able before accomplished.
 - Harmed penetration.
 - Only but it follow the gal.
- Down
- Way to tend the race.
 - Way to an outer.
 - At the bar it's drinking.
 - It is a game with rather explosive.
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Japanese Magnate Visits Austin's

London, Dec. 11. A Japanese automobile magnate, Mr Genshichi Asahara, is in Britain to give first-hand consideration to assembling Austin cars under licence in his Nissan Motor Company works in Tokyo.

With a secretary he arrived at London airport almost unheralded and is now in Birmingham "looking around" Austin's mammoth plant there.

Indo-Japanese Steel Plan

Pittsburgh, Dec. 11. T. Takasaki, Japanese industrialist, outlined here today preliminary plans for a \$100,000,000 steel mill in India, to be owned jointly by the Japanese and Indian Governments.

Each country plans to put up about \$25,000,000 towards the plant and to ask the World Bank for a \$50,000,000 loan.

Mr Takasaki said the plant would have two blast furnaces with an annual capacity of more than 400,000 tons and a finishing department, capable of producing 350,000 tons of steel structural bars, sheets and rails yearly.

ROLLING STOCK FOR INDIA

New Delhi, Dec. 11. India bought railroad coaches and wagons worth 28,543,000 Rupees during the 12 months ending October, the Deputy Railway Minister said today. Belgium and the United Kingdom were the main suppliers, with sales of 15,800,000 Rupees and 12,374,000 Rupees, respectively. Italy furnished the remainder, he added.

And an official of the company revealed that Mr Asahara's inspection of the Austin works is only a curtain-raiser to high-level talks on the subject of the Tokyo assembling project.

Already at least one top official of Austin's has been summoned to Birmingham from London for the talks.

The final discussions will take place between Mr Asahara and Mr E. P. Lord, Chairman of the Austin Motor Company and Deputy Chairman of the British Motor Corporation.

This is not Mr Asahara's first contact with Austin's, for between the wars his company built complete Austin Sevens under licence.

SURPLUS SOON?

Now, with the purchase tax adversely affecting home sales of British cars and because of import licence difficulties, other British manufacturers may also have to follow a similar course to that set by Austin's if they want to keep their footing in the important Far East market.

Already, because of the high level of purchase tax, Mr Lord believes that there will soon be a surplus of cars on the home market.

And this is backed by the fact that lengthy waiting lists for new cars have almost disappeared, and in the middle-price range, cars can be ordered for immediate delivery.

Exports From Great Britain Are Speeding Up World Development

London, Dec. 11.

No country in the world can achieve economic advancement without constant addition to its stock of industrial equipment.

Some, like Britain, are in the happy position of being able to provide most of the equipment needed for this purpose from their own resources.

Others, however, look to the more industrially developed countries to supply a large proportion of their development needs.

As primary-producing countries like Canada, Australia and India proceed with schemes of capital development and build up a considerable capacity to produce consumer goods, more and more of their demands for imports are concentrated in industrial equipment.

And this tendency has been reflected steadily in the United Kingdom's export figures, says the Treasury in its monthly Bulletin for industry 1948.

In 1939, the broad group of metals and engineering products formed 37 per cent of total U.K. exports to all markets; in 1951, 40 per cent of a total roughly two-thirds larger in volume.

(Some of the increase in the share of this group can be attributed to metal "consumer goods", particularly if these are reckoned to include passenger cars; on the other hand, many cars are used for business purposes abroad, as in this country.)

Since the war, U.K. exports of investment goods have been growing by comparison with the physical resources put into home investment.

NEARLY HALF

In 1947, exports of plant, machinery, road vehicles, ships and aircraft were about 45 per cent of the value of similar home investment; in 1951, roughly 68 per cent. (These proportions are much the same, whether or not passenger cars are included.)

Last year, half the deliveries (by value) of commercial vehicles were for export, compared with two-fifths in 1948.

The proportion of electricity-generating steam turbines exported had risen from 42 to 46 per cent of total deliveries (measured in k.w.), of steam locomotives from 41 to 52 per cent of production, and of agricultural machinery from 41 to 55 per cent of the value of production.

Between 1949 and 1951, nearly half the imports of metals and engineering goods into South and South-East Asia were supplied by the United Kingdom.

One leading British firm exported 4,000 tractors to the area in 1951.

Sarawak now has one of the largest steel section water tanks in the world—made in Britain.

DAM IN THAILAND

A famous steel firm supplied 80 miles (2,000 tons) of tubes for the new fertiliser factory at Sirdi in India (the largest one in Asia).

British firms are supplying half the equipment (pumps, steel piling, cranes, and tools) for the Chaimat Dam project in Thailand, which will eventually irrigate over two million acres of land and generate power through eight 3,000 k.w. power units... and so the list might continue.

Similarly, there are numerous examples from other areas; the installation of a trunk telephone and telephone system in Turkey, the construction of Saudi Arabia's first public (urban) electricity supply, the provision of mechanical and electrical equipment for a large grain handling and storage plant in Argentina (the largest in the Southern Hemisphere), and so on.

Nor does the story end with the export of capital goods; there are also "contract" services.

British consulting engineers have been brought in on the Chaimat Dam project, on the Owen Falls (Uganda) Scheme for a dam and hydro-electric station, on the new barrage across the Euphrates, on the Aleppo water supply project and many others.

TECHNICAL AID

For countries taking part in the Colombo Plan, the normal flow of technical knowledge is now being supplemented by the new Technical Co-operation Scheme.

Under this scheme, the U.K. Government has offered to South and South-East Asia the services of 64 experts (44 have been accepted so far), and 410 specific training places in this country (249 accepted to date), and it has made a general offer to train another 200 trainees.

Britain, in fact, is not only exporting experts but also accepting the "raw material" for training others, and processing it.

Exports of investment goods, and services are essential to the development of countries all over the world. From the

point of view of the customer countries they are indispensable for the exploitation of their own resources and the raising of their living standards.

BRITAIN'S AIM

For Britain they are a means of earning currency with which to buy imported food and raw materials; and one of their particular advantages as exports is that they lead subsequently to orders for the U.K. for replacements and renewals.

Britain's aim should be not merely to maintain, but to increase, its share of this kind of world trade.

Steel supplies for the engineering industry are improving.

And the market is there, as the U.S. trade figures alone bear witness; in 1951, for example, U.S. exports of machinery and vehicles were worth over £1,000 million.

If only a small part of this trade could be handled by Britain, it would make a very big difference to our export figures.

—London Express Service.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$360,058.50. Noon prices and the morning's transactions—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
H.K. Bank 1420 30 @ 1400
East Asia 152
Gordon 250
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Indian Shellac Exports

New Delhi, Dec. 11.

India exported its entire production of 25,000 tons of shellac to foreign countries in 1951-52, the Foreign Minister, R. A. Kidwai, told Parliament.

The United Kingdom imported 6,719 tons, the U.S. 6,401 tons, Russia 4,233 tons, Brazil 1,810 tons, West Germany 753 tons, Australia 691 tons, France 621 tons, Italy 617 tons, and Argentina 440 tons.

Other importers included Japan, Canada, Hongkong, Denmark and Sweden. —Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 0.6725
Sterling note (per £1) 15.23
Indonesian gulden (per 100) 23.20
Rupee (per 100) 33.90
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LONDON RUBBER

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Japanese Experts' Panacea

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Osaka economists today gave visiting World Bank officials their ideas on how to balance Japan's international accounts.

They said Japan needs to switch its imports from the dollar to the Pound Sterling Area to balance its foreign trade.

The economists hoped the United States would remove immediately high tariffs that prevent Japan from exporting more goods to America.

The bankers said Japan at the same time would try to lower export prices to international levels as early as possible.

The bankers said they are seeking free convertibility of currencies. —Associated Press.

COTTON SLUMP

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Japanese cotton circles have urged the Government to take prompt measures to remedy the current slump.

In their petition, delivered to Minister Sanjuro Ozawa, they recommended that the ceiling on cotton yarn production be limited further to 155,000 bales a month from January to March next year. The present limitation is 165,000 bales.

They also desired the right to go ahead with the setting up of a commodity loan bank to act as a stabiliser of the cotton industry.

A plan for the setting up of a commodity loan bank was recently forwarded to the Ministry by cotton circles.

These circles also suggested legislation to check expansion of spinning facilities and the abolition of the import of non-automatic cotton under the automatic approval system.

Minister Ozawa withheld his reply but promised that he would consider the problem fully. —France-Press.

Surplus Rice For Export

Colombo, Dec. 11.

The world surplus of exportable rice next year will be 5,427,000 tons, according to the Rice Consultative Committee, which recently concluded a conference in Singapore.

Representatives of rice-producing and rice-consuming countries are to meet at Bangkok on or about January 6.

The meeting has been convened by the Food and Agricultural Organisation to discuss plans to help consumer countries get the rice they need.

According to the Rice Consultative Committee report, a usually reliable source here said, the following countries have an exportable surplus of rice: Argentina, Australia, British Guiana, Burma, China, Ecuador, Indo-China, Italy, Iraq, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Spain and Portugal. —Reuter.

Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Dec. 11.

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Official Appointments Gazetted

The following official appointments were announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

Mr Sidney John George Burt to be Senior Education Officer, Education Department, with effect from December 10, 1952.

Mr David Whitfield Barclay Baron to be Deputy Colonial Secretary, with effect from December 3, 1952, during the absence of Mr Harold Giles Richards, OBE, until further notice.

Mr James Wilfred Cockburn to be a Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths with effect from November 20, 1952.

Mr Archibald Ritchie to be Administrator of Japanese Property, with effect from December 8, 1952, in pursuance of Articles 3 and 20 of the Japanese Treaty of Peace Order, 1952.

(Special) Inspector Ukum Ahmet Runjahn to be a (Special) Assistant Superintendent of Police, Special Constabulary, with effect from December 12, 1952.

Two Additional Holidays

The Governor in Council has appointed Tuesday, June 2, 1953, and Wednesday, June 3, 1953, to be additional general holidays. It was officially announced.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Different Christmas

CHRISTMAS makes itself felt early in the courts. Before the most brazenly precocious bands of infant waiters have begun their door-to-door campaign with Wenceslaus, the stream of shoplifters appearing at Marlborough Street, has become a seasonal flood. At Bow Street, from the lips of those charged with offences like being drunk or using insulting behaviour, comes pat the excuse: "Sorry, sir, festive season, sir."

But Christmas also casts a kind of shadow over the courts at times. A family man sent to prison now for a month or longer spends Christmas in gaol. He probably deserves to; but how empty and hollow must the festival be for his family, who, as a rule, have done nothing to merit punishment.

ERNEST'S is a case in point. He is a decent-looking man of 49, who for most of his life has worked as an electrician in theatres and film studios. For the past year he has had the job of storeman and electrician's mate at a West End luxury hotel.

Ernest was on his way from his job to his home, which is near Waterloo station, when he was stopped the other evening by two policemen.

"What you got in your pockets?" one of the policemen asked him.

"I think that employees who steal from their employers are one of the worst kind of thieves. But for what I have been told about your wife's illness, the sentence would be very much heavier. You will go to prison for one month on the first charge, three months on the second, the two sentences to run concurrently."

Ernest will spend Christmas in a cell; but it was not him I was thinking of as he was led away; I was thinking of a family down Waterloo way, the two young children, the invalid mother, and of how different this Christmas would be for them from any other they had known.

"Just a few electric-light bulbs," Ernest said. "Where d'you get 'em?" "Bought 'em," "Where?" Ernest abandoned the lie. "Took 'em from the place where I work," he said. He was arrested and brought next morning to Great Marlborough Street, where he pleaded guilty to stealing six bulbs, valued at 6s., from his employers. He also asked the magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, VC, to take into consideration other petty thieving from the hotel—£20-worth of small items of electrical equipment, plugs, flex, sockets, switches, that had stolen in the year he had worked there.

"TELL me about him," said the magistrate to the police officer in charge of the case.

"He's a married man, sir, with five children, two of them grown up and married, the others aged eight, ten and 24. His wife an invalid, sir, and he gives her £5 a week out of his wages of £7 3s. 11d."

"I understand," the officer went on, "that in his spare time this man does electrical repairs on his own behalf."

"With four to feed, and one of those an invalid, with rent to pay and clothes to buy, it seemed reasonable, that Ernest should try to add to his income by working free-lance in the evenings."

"These things that he stole, I suppose he would use them for his private work?" the magistrate asked.

"Yes, sir," the officer said. "He has lost his job, of course."

THE magistrate sighed and turned to Ernest and asked what he wanted to say.

"All I got to say is I'm sorry I made a fool of myself," Ernest said.

"You've done more than that," the magistrate said. "You've made a criminal of yourself."

"I think that employees who steal from their employers are one of the worst kind of thieves. But for what I have been told about your wife's illness, the sentence would be very much heavier. You will go to prison for one month on the first charge, three months on the second, the two sentences to run concurrently."

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Rosita Shooting Sequel: Inquiry Into Death Of Captain Robert Adam

The attack on the British ship Rosita, which resulted in the death of her master, Capt Robert Adam, earlier this month when off the China coast near Foochow, was recalled at the Supreme Court this morning when an inquest was held on Capt Adam.

Mr James Wicks sat as Coroner without a Jury. Proceedings were conducted by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, acting Senior Crown Counsel, assisted by Det-Insp. C. J. Askew and Det-Sub-Insp. W. S. Paton, of the CID. Mr D. G. MacPherson, Director of Criminal Investigation, also attended.

The Rosita, of 700 tons, is owned by the Carlung Shipping Company, who were represented by Mr A. H. Carroll, and chartered by the Wah On Shipping Company.

After Mr W. R. Hillyer, Senior Marine Officer (Marine) had given formal evidence of the ship's registry, Dr R. M. Tooh, acting Police Surgeon, deposed to the post mortem he conducted.

Dr Tooh said that the late Captain Adam was a heavily built European and aged about 60. His height was six foot two inches. On external examination the doctor said that rigor mortis had set in.

The face, ears, fingernails and toenails were all blue. There was a bullet entry hole on the left side of the chest.

On internal examination he found the bullet had penetrated the left sixth rib 4½ inches to the left of the spine. The bullet passed into the left chest cavity and then passed through the middle lobe of the right lung. The bullet carried on through the body and lodged in the tissue of the right armpit region.

Dr Tooh said he found a healthy man and the cause of death was shock and haemorrhage due to injury to the heart and lung caused by the bullet. He had been dead well over 48 hours.

F. A. Ewins, Ballistics Officer, Police Headquarters, testified that he accompanied a party of Police on board the Rosita lying in harbour on the night of December 3.

WITNESS said he examined the vessel and found the following bullet holes:

1. Through the bridge glass on the starboard side of the wheelhouse which continued through the forward door post;
2. Through the window frame on the port side of the wheelhouse. The bullet was embedded in the same door post as the first bullet and he extracted this second bullet;
3. Through the window glass in the bridge on the starboard side and it carried on through the rear door post on the same side and through the glass of the door which was open at the time.

Its track indicated that it carried on through into the water;

4. A bullet penetrated the window glass outside the bridge on the starboard side just inside the wheelhouse. It was not recovered and the track indicated that it also went into the water;
5. This bullet struck a metal on the upper part of the walkway in front of the captain's cabin just below the bridge. It was embedded in the woodwork of the captain's cabin on the port side in front. It was very deeply embedded;
6. This bullet passed through the board fastened on the rail in front of the captain's cabin on the port side and went through and embedded itself in the woodwork of the cabin. This bullet was not recovered;
7. This bullet struck the compass house on the deck immediately above the bridge. It struck on the port side and key-holed into a locker immediately behind the wheelhouse. There was no exit from this locker; it was a rifle bullet. Witness produced it.
8. This bullet penetrated the foremast, through and through, at about a foot below the top spar;
9. This bullet struck and severed a guy wire attached to the foremast at the top of the spar and it was not recovered.

Replying to Crown Counsel, witness said that tracks 1 to 6, were in his opinion made by bullets of 40 calibre fired from sub-machine guns. He formed this opinion by their closeness together, elevation and side of the holes.

They were guns of the Thompson type, he added.

Tracks 8 and 9 were rifle bullets of high velocity, that was in his opinion, as opposed to automatic fire. Tracks 1 to 6

included slightly upwards after a point of impact. The other bullets had a very high incline.

Witness said he was present at the Kowloon Public Mortuary when Dr Tooh extracted a bullet from Capt Adam's body. He examined the bullet and found it had a polished surface caused by passing through glass. Adhering to the missile was a substance which looked like white paint. That same white substance was present on the woodwork of the Rosita.

The bullet, in his opinion, was fired from the same weapon as bullet No. 2.

CLOSE RANGE FIRING

Mr Blair-Kerr: If you were told that the body was found lying on the port side just below the level of the cabin door would you be of the opinion that bullet No. 1 killed him?

Witness: Yes, I would say it was very likely.

Counsel: All the bullet holes indicate that firing took place from close range and on the port side head of the ship—Yes.

Leung Tong, Police photographer, Headquarters, gave formal evidence of pictures taken aboard the ship and at the mortuary.

The next witness called was Eric Shakeshaft, Chief Officer on the Rosita since August this year. He said that Capt Adam signed on as master on November 18.

Witness said that on November 27, the Rosita sailed for Hong Wah which was two days sailing from here at eight knots. The distance was about 400 miles, Hong Wah was about 100 miles from Foochow.

SHIP ATTACKED

"On November 29, after sailing for two days the Rosita was attacked by two armed junks with machine-guns and pom-poms," he said. "We were sailing towards them and they crossed our bow so we altered course to avoid them. This was about 7.20 a.m. As soon as we altered course they opened fire but the ship was not hit. We outdistanced them and entered Hong Wah by another channel."

"We were flying the Red Ensign from the stern and also flying from the foremast a courtesy Communist flag, approaching the coast. We flew the Red flag because they opened fire on us. We have been fired at before."

"It is the ordinary practice of all ports of the world to fly the flag of the government controlling the port to which each ship is proceeding on entering port within gun range of the coast. At Hong Wah this distance is about six miles."

Witness said that the Rosita entered port and unloaded part of a cargo of fertiliser and sailed for Foochow on December 1 about 9.30 a.m. with 30 tons of general cargo.

At about 10.40 p.m. when approaching the entrance buoy to Foochow Bar, in international waters, about five or six miles from Foochow, they sighted a ship ahead and it signalled to the Rosita with flash-lamps.

Witness continued, "We decided to alter course to go into the land and we turned to port. Then we sighted another boat bearing about northwest ahead between us and the land. We stopped the Rosita. We could not get away as they were too close."

"The second ship opened fire and I thought they were just warning shots. We flashed our Aids lamp to the first boat and it was then that the second boat opened fire."

"Our ship stopped but she still had some way. One boat kept on signalling and the other, firing short bursts of machine-gun fire. I was with Capt Adam on the bridge. They got closer all the time. The one that had been shooting came alongside."

"It was a powered boat, a medium-sized Chinese trading junk, about 80 to 100 feet in length. There was a gun fixed to the foremast. The gun was

covered but it looked like a 20-millimetre cannon.

"The second boat was the bigger of the two. It had a poop and all the machinery, bridge etcetera were aft. There was an open well and there were soldiers down there. It had a bamboo awning. It was a Chinese-type built boat."

"The boarding party of about fifty men came on board. They were all armed, some had Sten guns and some had automatic pistols."

"The Rosita did not carry arms. I did not know at that time that Capt Adam had been killed."

MEN DESCRIBED

Witness said the men wore khaki mustard coloured uniforms, carrying long sticks and uniform jackets. He did not notice the buttons on their jackets. Some were peaked caps, but witness also did not notice the cap badge. One of the boarders wore blue civilian boots. None of the men had the red star on their caps as was usual with Communist soldiers. Some wore a white cross on their caps. Witness could not say definitely that the cap badge was the Kuomintang cap badge.

"When I saw the chap in civilian clothes, I thought they were pirates. I did not see the red star on the uniform behind him." Mr Shakeshaft continued, "They gave me the impression of being a well-organised body, and that there were people with authority among them. I would say they were Kuomintang guerrillas."

Asked how long he had been plying the China coast, witness replied he had plied there for 18 months, and had himself been on the Rosita for six months last year. He said that Capt Adam pointed out the position where the wheel of the Rosita was located.

Witness said that on November 27, the Rosita sailed for Hong Wah which was two days sailing from here at eight knots. The distance was about 400 miles, Hong Wah was about 100 miles from Foochow.

SHIP ATTACKED

"On November 29, after sailing for two days the Rosita was attacked by two armed junks with machine-guns and pom-poms," he said. "We were sailing towards them and they crossed our bow so we altered course to avoid them. This was about 7.20 a.m. As soon as we altered course they opened fire but the ship was not hit. We outdistanced them and entered Hong Wah by another channel."

"We were flying the Red Ensign from the stern and also flying from the foremast a courtesy Communist flag, approaching the coast. We flew the Red flag because they opened fire on us. We have been fired at before."

"It is the ordinary practice of all ports of the world to fly the flag of the government controlling the port to which each ship is proceeding on entering port within gun range of the coast. At Hong Wah this distance is about six miles."

Witness said that the Rosita entered port and unloaded part of a cargo of fertiliser and sailed for Foochow on December 1 about 9.30 a.m. with 30 tons of general cargo.

At about 10.40 p.m. when approaching the entrance buoy to Foochow Bar, in international waters, about five or six miles from Foochow, they sighted a ship ahead and it signalled to the Rosita with flash-lamps.

Witness continued, "We decided to alter course to go into the land and we turned to port. Then we sighted another boat bearing about northwest ahead between us and the land. We stopped the Rosita. We could not get away as they were too close."

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Railing To Prevent Accidents

A rail is to be erected along the edge of the praya wall from the Naval dockyard to Gilman Street to prevent accidents similar to those which have recently occurred.

This was announced this morning in the Government Gazette, in which it was stated that certain regulations to be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Embarkation, Disembarkation, Loading and Off-loading) Regulations, 1952, were made by the Governor in Council.

An explanatory note reads as follows:

A rail is to be erected along the edge of the praya wall from the Naval dockyard to Gilman Street to prevent accidents similar to those which have recently occurred. This involves the prohibition, except at piers, of loading or unloading of cargo between these points. Such purpose is effected by regulation 3, but the opportunity is taken to consolidate this new provision with a revised version of the regulations relating to embarkation, disembarkation, loading and off-loading of persons and of cargo which were promulgated in 1948, such earlier regulations accordingly being rescinded.

Long Service Medals

The Government Gazette this morning announced the award of the Colonial Fire-Brigade's Long Service Medal to the following—

Sub Officer Lai Shiu-man, Sub Officer Lam So-man, Leading Fireman No. 7 Tse Choi, Fireman No. 93 Hung King, No. 245 Wong Fook, No. 201 Ng Yuen, No. 208 Cheung Chi, No. 112 Lam Fung-ling, No. 250 Tam Lok-sang, No. 77 Fung To, No. 95 Ng Wah, No. 105 Ng-Tap, No. 106 Cheung Chuen and No. 198 Chau Kwun.

WITNESS said the men took away several personal belongings of members of the crew. Witness himself lost an electric torch. Second Officer Ingles lost a pair of binoculars; Capt Adam's binoculars were also lost. Witness said that the Rosita's Chief Engineer Alphonse lost a pair of shoes, a raincoat, a fountain pen and a watch. Third Engineer Man Chung lost a pair of shoes and 400 Luck Strike cigarettes; Steward Tang Wah lost two bath towels and one blanket. Corporal Yu Ting lost two bath towels and a belonging to the crew were missing.

Mr Shakeshaft produced the official log book of the Rosita which he had recorded the incident of December 1. It added that the ship entered Hongkong harbour at 9.15 p.m. on December 3 and was boarded by the Police. On December 4, he identified the body of Capt Adam in Kowloon Public Mortuary.

CORONER'S QUESTIONS

At the conclusion of his evidence, the witness was questioned by the Coroner.

Mr Wicks: On what do you base your statement that the boarding party were Kuomintang guerrillas?

Witness: Because they were dressed in Army uniforms and did not have the red star.

That's all? They did not have the red star as have the Communist troops.

You say nothing as a positive indication? This is just negative evidence? I cannot swear I saw the badge, because I know the badge.

Could they be pirates who had come by Army uniforms? Would you accept that? No, not as well disciplined and well armed as that.

Have you ever been on a pirated ship?—Yes, I have been based at the Naval Dockyard. It is general knowledge along the China coast, that the boarding party of about fifty men came on board. They were all armed, some had Sten guns and some had automatic pistols."

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Living Language

Why we say Cancel.

This word takes its meaning from the Latin *cancellus*, a grating, for when one cancels-out or obliterates a mistake one usually makes two strong down-strokes followed by two horizontal strokes. These four strokes make the pattern of a grating.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Viet-nam.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.A.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./W.A.A.

Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., G.E.A.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Macao, 9 a.m.; 3 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Aden, 9 a.m., New Zealand, 6 p.m., as Eastern Glory.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, via B.O.A.C.

U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.

U.S.A., Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., via B.O.A.C.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Formosa, 6 p.m., C.A.T.

Macao, 2 p.m.; 6 p.m., as Tal Loy/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.

Formosa, 11 a.m., at Shengking.

Korea, 11 a.m., as Hullye.

Malaya, 11 a.m., as Hullye.

Japan, Canada, Noon, as Washington Mail.

N. Borneo, 3 p.m., as Estrichbank.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Broadcast—Jing Arthur 2 "The Round Table" (BB-78); 6.30 Mid-time Ballroom with Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra (BB-78); 7. Time Signal, World News and News Telle (London File); 7.30 Variety Favourites; 1.30 Weather Report; 8. Music is served; 8.45 The Heritage of Britain—"The British at Home" written by Eileen Hinde. Produced by David Thomson (BBC); 9.15 "The House of Commons" (BBC); 10.15 Re-creation of the House of Commons by Bertrand Russell, OM, FRS (BBC); 10.30 Dancin' Time with Bob Crosby and his Orchestra (BBC); 10.55 News Report; 11. Radio News (Recorded London Report); 11.15 Goodnight Music; 12.30 Save The Queen; 1.30 Close down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My only argument when I show Dad this report card is to remind him how wrong he was on the election!"

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Cavalcade Of Xmas Music

A symbolism of the Christmas Story together with music the general public know and love, will be presented by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Lee Theatre on Tuesday, December 16, at 9.30 p.m.

A choir of some hundred voices with lighted lanterns will render delightful carols of the 13th and 14th centuries, and will form a chorus and background of a stage production by Roydon House.

Something like 100 members of the case will be assembled on the stage in the final Tableau of the Christmas Story. The remainder of the programme will include Music from the Shows and music befitting to this festival period.

The public will be able to enjoy a full orchestral performance in a theatre at prices to suit all pockets. Tickets are as follows: Dress, Circle \$8, Auditorium and Stall \$4, Balcony \$2, and are obtainable at the Lee Theatre Booking Office.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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But, if (3) is true, (1) is false, and (2) is true. And now (4) becomes true. And now (5) is false and (6) is true. And now (7) and (8) are statements are all false.

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